## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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APPLICATION OF MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE XECUTIVE SECRETARY

AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND JOINT PETITION OF MEMPHIS LIGHT GAS & WATER DIVISION, A DIVISION OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE ("MLGW") AND A&L NETWORKS-TENNESSEE, LLC ("A&L") FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MLGW AND A&L REGARDING JOINT OWNERSHIP OF

MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC.

**DOCKET NO. 99-00909** 

TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MID-SOUTH'S, TIME WARNER TELECOM OF THE MID-SOUTH, L.P.'S AND THE TENNESSEE CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST TO **CONTINUE HEARING** 

Comes now, Time Warner Communications of the Mid-South, Time Warner Telecom of the Mid-South, L.P. and the Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association ("Intervenors"), and moves the Authority for an order to continue the hearing in this matter until such time as the Applicant, Memphis Networx, and the Joint Petitioners, A&L Networks-Tennessee, L.L.C. and Memphis Light Gas & Water, produce certain documents ordered to be produced by the Directors during the July hearing. Counsel for the Intervenors would show that as of the filing of this motion, the documents have not been produced and counsel is advised that such documents may not be produced until Monday, September 11, 2000 at the During cross-examination of Alex Lowe, he commencement of the hearing. admitted that Arthur D. Little had performed market research for him early in 1998. By letter dated April 17, 1998, Mr. Lowe referenced a seventeen page



prior consultant's report and a two page overview. To date, the market research/study, prior consultant's report and two page overview have not been produced or confirmed that they do not exist. In addition, the Authority ordered the Applicant and Joint Petitioners to produce all Arthur D. Little contracts and records of payment. To date, these documents have not been produced. Attached hereto are excerpts from the transcript where the Applicant and Joint Petitioners were ordered to produce the documents. Counsel would show that the hearing scheduled for Monday morning is to commence with the cross-examination of Alex Lowe. Counsel would show that the documents ordered to be produce are essential to counsel's preparation for the cross-examination of Mr. Lowe, and that the inability to review such documents will make it impossible to adequately prepare for and conduct, to conclusion, the cross-examination of Alex Lowe.

WHEREFORE, the Intervenors move the Authority for an Order continuing the hearing until such time as the documents have been produced as Ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John M. Farris, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing **document** on the parties listed below, by depositing copy of same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid or by hand delivery, as designated below, this the 8th day of September, 2000.

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a prior consultant's report.
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                    CHAIRMAN KYLE: But you're saying had
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   you seen this document, you would have --
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                    MS. SANDERS:
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                    CHAIRMAN KYLE: -- turned over --
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                    MS. SANDERS: -- is it doesn't exist
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   anyway. I mean, MLGW doesn't have -- let me just put
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   it this way. MLGW had not written a consultant's
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   report and MLGW had not hired A.D.L., Arthur D. Little,
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   to do a report for them. So they didn't have a
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   consultant's report.
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                     CHAIRMAN KYLE: All right.
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   fair. Thank you for responding. I'll be a little bit
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   more careful about cutting you off. That's very kind
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    of you. Mr. Farris?
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                     MR. FARRIS: Am I to respond to
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    Ms. Sanders?
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                     CHAIRMAN KYLE: Yes, sir.
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                     MR. FARRIS: I think General Walkup
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    has talked about many times that they have delivered
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    over 5,000 pages to us. And I, frankly, just find it
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    really hard to believe that these papers have not been
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    provided to us.
                     You know, I don't know where they are
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    or what they say, but I frankly think we've asked for
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We've asked for them more than one time and in them. 1 more than one forum, and in the depositions, I think. 2 We should have received these reports. 3 And I, frankly, think they exist. And I don't -- I 4 don't know, but this letter seems to indicate that 5 there's a report that exists. Mr. Farris and CHAIRMAN KYLE: 7 Ms. Sanders, I tell you what, everyone in here has shown this Court great respect. We're not questioning 9 anyone's ethics here. There could be a variety of 10 reasons why these reports were not done. 11 Now, as I understand it, Mr. Farris 12 has asked for these more than one time. We're not 13 going to go back and question his questions. 14 Ms. Sanders, both you and General 15 Walkup have stated that if you had these documents, you 16 would be glad to turn them over. I think we ought to 17 make a diligent effort to find them and turn them over. 18 If we don't, that leaves a lot of people to guess the 19 sequence of events. We're not going to get any further 20 21 with arguments. And I don't mean to -- I 22 MR. FARRIS: really do not -- and I said this before. I do not mear 23 to say at all that Ms. Sanders or General Walkup have 25 not provided something to me.

CHAIRMAN KYLE: Right.

MR. FARRIS: Not at all. I do not mean to say that. And it may -- they may have just been overlooked. I wanted to make that statement.

CHAIRMAN KYLE: The Court's going to request these. And let's -- I would like to request these and let's get 'em in. And if you don't, you know, that goes to your side of the case. It may be good, bad, indifferent. I'm not weighing this until I have everything in front of me.

MS. SANDERS: Could we let

Mr. Thompson --

CHAIRMAN KYLE: Not at this time, I tell you what, because I'm not going to tell a lawyer how to run his case, and this is his time. And then we'll take up your request in just a minute. But I want to be as fair to him as we tried to be for you yesterday.

Mr. Farris, let's get back on point -DIRECTOR GREER: May I say one thing
before we move on? Mr. Walkup, I want to make sure you
understand. I want to comment on what Mr. Farris said
to you. I have the utmost respect for both you and
Ms. Sanders. You cannot produce what is not given to
you to produce. I fully understand that.

There is no question in my mind abou 1 the ethicality and the standards that you represent. 2 know you, Mr. Walkup, and I know Ms. Sanders, and I'v 3 got the utmost respect for both of you. 4 The fact remains that we, in the lon 5 run, have to make a decision based on several criteri 6 and part of that is public interest, part of it may 1 7 in the credibility of the witnesses. 8 A public records request is one thin 9 A document request is another issue. And document 10 requests have been made and have not, obviously, beer 11 delivered. 12 I don't honestly, Mr. Walkup, believ 13 that these two documents have just disappeared into 14 thin air. Now, they are either in the files, and 15 Mr. Farris and Mr. Welch and Mr. Whitten just haven't 16 been able to find them, or they haven't been delivere 17 And with all the other stuff that they have found tha 18 has somewhat amazed me at times, I doubt very serious 19 20 if it got by them. So there is a credibility issue as : 21 relates to those who are applying. And Director Malo 22 said Monday morning when we started, there is a price 23 to pay for coming into the public arena to partner i 24

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with a public agency that is regulated.

And whether Mr. Lowe has these 1 documents, or ever had 'em, or whatever, at one time he 2 obviously had them. 3 And I think I said to you, all the 4 people in this room, several months back when we were 5 going through these document requests, I said when 6 people start acting like they don't want to deliver 7 something, I have to wonder what it is they don't want 8 to deliver. 9 And I believe my comment was, bring it 10 all in and we'll decide what's relevant and what's not. 11 That's the end of my comment. That's it. 12 Let's continue CHAIRMAN KYLE: 13 cross-examination of this witness. 14 MR. FARRIS: I would like to mark this 15 as the next exhibit. 16 CHAIRMAN KYLE: I have no doubt you 17 gave one to the court reporter. I believe this is 18 Exhibit 44. I stand to be corrected. Until that time, 19 we're going to give it 44. I am on line. I see the 20 lawyers confirming that's where we are. 21 (Marked Exhibit 44.) 22 BY MR. FARRIS: 23 Mr. Lowe, do you remember what these 24 Q. reports said? Do you remember what either one of these 25

CHAIRMAN KYLE: Consumer Advocate's 1 office? 2 MR. BROEMEL: No, we're fine. 3 CHAIRMAN KYLE: BellSouth? 4 MR. TURNER: No, ma'am. 5 Time-Warner? CHAIRMAN KYLE: 6 MR. WELCH: No. Thank you. 7 CHAIRMAN KYLE: All right. 8 Commissioner Malone would like to address you before 9 you leave the room. 10 DIRECTOR MALONE: Just very briefly, 11 the Chairman had asked earlier that all effort be made 12 to produce the -- I know Mr. Farris had later referred 13 to it -- contract and then back on -- let me not say a 14 contract. I'm not so sure I remember the most recent 15 request that the Chairman said to produce it. 16 And then I think on Exhibit 25 there 17 was a lot of conversation and the Chairman had asked 18 that that be produced -- Exhibit 44. I'm sorry, not 19 25. 20 Just to remind the parties that you 21 have plenty of time to work those matters out. 22 MR. FARRIS: Director Malone, I also 23 mentioned the, you know, the payments on those. - 14 think I read that into the record. And I would also

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                       CHAIRMAN KYLE: Commissioner Malone,
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      do you have anything further?
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                       DIRECTOR MALONE:
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                       CHAIRMAN KYLE: Anything further,
     Commissioner Greer?
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                       DIRECTOR GREER:
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                       CHAIRMAN KYLE:
                                       General Walkup, do
     you have any closing comments?
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                       MR. WALKUP: Might I just simply make
     inquiry with regard to Mr. Barta's testimony, if it is
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     intended that Mr. Barta is to address anything beyond
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     what is contained in the testimony that he filed in
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     March, that -- well, I would just like to go ahead and
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     get an instruction that he not go beyond that.
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     Because we have no prefiled testimony from him
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     supplementing. So even though there's been an
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     Exhibit A and a cost allocation manual filed since
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     then --
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                      MR. WELCH:
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     that Mr. Walkup would make such a comment. After
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    what's gone on in this proceeding and the leeway we've
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    given this applicant and the questions that have been
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    asked on direct, I can't imagine that that comment
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